

<b>Masses &amp; Services Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>		
<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Souls RIP</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Intentions of Joan Holland (Scannell)</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Intentions of Frank Mulligan
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Intentions of Pat Campbell (Nalan)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	12 Noon	Intentions of Fr Emile Nkumu (Nalan)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	NO MASS	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Feast of St Cecilia	
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<b>Nov 2024</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Stanley Joyce RIP (Joyce)</b>

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15pm-5.45pm.**

**HOSPITAL:** If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Martin will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all weekend Masses.

**DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE:**  
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

**OFFERINGS:** Thank you for your generous offerings. Last week you gave £139 in Envelopes and £370.86 in Loose Plate. You can give donations to the Priest's House and online for our parish or charities our parish supports at:  
[www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping//////////](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=epping//////////)

**IN CASES OF EMERGENCY:** Father Martin will usually have his day off on Thursdays. In cases of emergency please call one of the local parishes, either St Edmund's, Loughton – Tel: 0208 5089438, Holy Cross, Harlow – Tel 01279 425776 or The Assumption, Harlow – Tel 01279 429388. This would also apply if Fr Martin is on holiday.

**PRAYER TO ST.MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:** “St Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.”

**MISSIO BOXES:** At present we do not have a parish co-ordinator for the Missio (red) boxes. Please let Fr Martin or the Parish Office know if you are able to help.

**HALL HIRE:** Our Parish Hall is available for bookings. Special rates apply for charities and parishioners. Please contact our Parish Administrator for further information and to book.

## The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



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**Registered Charity Number: 234092**  
**Our parish is twinned with Thistle Grove & Lebohang Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa**

### **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

As the Church's year draws to a close, the Gospel and First Reading in particular are full of vivid imagery of the 'End Times'. These texts were written to offer solace and encouragement to people facing temporal and spiritual crisis in very different times and circumstances.

In the First Reading, we listen to the prophet Daniel concluding the last of his four apocalyptic visions. He offers hope to the Jewish people, who are facing persecution from a foreign king determined to stamp out their faith.

The Gospel sees Jesus preparing his disciples for the troubles they will soon witness. The Evangelist is also giving a message of hope to the early church as it faces persecution from the Emperor Nero. We are reminded always to be mindful of the signs of the times; but rather than being caught up in fruitless anxiety over 'End Times' and the passing nature of life, we can take hope that the Word of God will endure forever.

The Psalm is a prayer full of confidence that God will offer healing and deliverance from death. Each verse is a prayer full of hope in God's saving love.

In the concluding passages from the letter to the Hebrews (Second Reading), the Risen Christ is compared to the priests of the Old Covenant. There is no longer a need for constant animal sacrifices to atone for sin. Christ has conquered sin once and for all. Christ is the fulfilment of God's promise of love. His word will always be with us. Let us pray for the grace to be drawn deeper into the wonder of that love so that our lives can be a message of hope to our times.

***“My words will endure forever”***

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2025:** The next session for the children is on **NEXT Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November** at 4.30pm when they will celebrate their first Reconciliation.

**PRAYER PARTNERS:** We are seeking parishioners to become Prayer Partners with our First Holy Communion group. Please speak to Fr Martin if you would like to help. Many thanks to those parishioners who have already offered.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR DEAD IN NOVEMBER:** There are sheets and envelopes in church for the names of deceased parishioners, relatives and friends. The names are placed at the altar with our Death Register and remembered and prayed for at all Masses during the month of November, and Masses offered for their Holy Souls.

**CONFIRMATION:** An Information Evening will be held **NEXT Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7pm-9pm** in our Church Hall. **It is not too late to register your interest.** If you intend to attend then please inform our Parish Office if you have not already done so.

**DATE FOR THE DIARY – CHRISTMAS MARKET:**

**SUNDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER – 10am - 2pm:** Christmas market preparations are well under way, but as always we rely on our generous parishioners for their time and donations. If you have any new or unused items that would be suitable for the gift stall or raffle please leave in the church porch or in the office for the attention of Adriana or Emma.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET RAFFLE TICKETS:** Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend, **16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> November.**

Tickets cost £1 for a strip of 5 tickets. If you prefer to buy tickets electronically, please contact Adriana 07828 118 909 and she will send you a payment link.

**SWEET JARS NEEDED:** Please help the First Holy Communion children. Fill up an empty jar with some wrapped sweets and chocolates and leave at the back of the church. The children will sell them on their stall at the Christmas Market. Thank you!

**CALLING ALL SINGERS!** “If anyone is interested in singing some of the Christmas Carol Descants at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve, please contact me and we can have a couple of quick rehearsals beforehand at a convenient date and time. All ages welcome - the more the merrier! Belinda (organist - Saturday evenings).07800 902910.”

**COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS:** Sister Asmeret has written to thank our parishioners for their support and kindness during her recent visit here. The generous sum of £750 was donated to help towards their mission.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL & CARE HOMES:**

**Lord Jesus Christ, our Most Holy Redeemer, by the grace of your Holy Spirit, grant comfort and healing to all who suffer in mind, body or spirit. Through Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Thomas Hughes, Charles Fallon, Fr Richard (Dick) Ashton (17/11), Margaret O'Reilly (18/11), Bernard Candy, Josephine Andrews, Barry Stimpson, Fr John Harden (19/11), Kirk McLaughlin (21/11), Trudy Dutton (22/11), John Elliott (24/11). **Eternal rest grant to them, Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.**

Next Sunday, **24<sup>th</sup> November,** is **WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY** - a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church.

There will be a second collection to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, as well as the opportunity to hear more about their work.

Find out more at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) , searching @brentwoodcys or if you are able to donate online, please visit [www.bcys.net/donate](http://www.bcys.net/donate) . Thank you.

This November, **BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** is pleased to re-launch their virtual **Tree of Angels** which will allow you to light up a symbolic angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of BCCS. Please visit [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) and click on the Christmas tab where you will see ‘Tree of Angels’

**WEST ESSEX MIND & SPIRIT NETWORKING LUNCH 'HOMELESSNESS IN EPPING FOREST & HARLOW'**

You are invited to a free buffet lunch on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024,** 12pm- 1.30pm in the Conference Room, The Laurels, St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping. Guest Speakers are Jo Barclay (Senior Homelessness officer for EFDC) and a Harlow Council Housing Services rep. Numbers are limited so please book asap by emailing: [westessexmindandspirit@gmail.com](mailto:westessexmindandspirit@gmail.com), [paul.walker15@nhs.net](mailto:paul.walker15@nhs.net) or [janewalters2003@hotmail.com](mailto:janewalters2003@hotmail.com).

**EPPING FOREST FOODBANK** needs the usual food and household items. Thank you to our generous parishioners for giving for people in need through the **FOODBANK! WE CAN REFER PEOPLE WHO MAY BE IN NEED OF HELP TO THE FOODBANK.** Please contact Fr Martin or our Parish Office.

**THE GUILD OF OUR LADY OF RANSOM ADVENT LECTURE:**

**The Church at Work.** On **Friday, 7th December at 7pm.** Fr Nicholas Crowe OP will explore the Church's mission as a personal responsibility for all baptised Christians, addressing how transformation begins within, through a renewal of the mind and a connection between intellect and will. Cheese & Wine. St Patrick's Catholic Church, Soho Square, London. Tickets (£12) available at [www.guild-ransom.co.uk](http://www.guild-ransom.co.uk)

**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:**

God of peace,  
Whose son Jesus Christ taught us  
To love our neighbour as ourselves  
Give your strength to the people of Ukraine.  
Give your wisdom to the leaders of the world.  
Give your love to all of us who pray for peace –  
Peace that will transform,  
Peace that will heal,  
Peace that will last.  
For the sake of the same Jesus Christ.  
The Prince of Peace, Amen

